

Rapid River News

March 16th, 2015

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info! _____

Maple Syrup Time! Last week the sap gathering began at the Tribal 'Sugar Shack' on Schoedel Road. A number of tribal young folks and adults attended the opening, with prayer and offerings. They then took the tools out and started tapping trees. Watch for the full article and photos in the April **Currents**.



Maple Sugar gathering! This coming Friday from 3 until 7 p.m. come to the site of the Ziisibaakwada-kae Gamig (Sugar Shack) on Schoedel Road to see demonstrations and celebrate with a potluck. Go to page 4 for the details.

Spring Fire & Teachings! The Spring Fire & Teachings are April 8th through 11th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the full flyer on page 9 and plan on attending. **The Spring Membership Meeting is April 11th.**

Spring Membership Meeting April 11th: The Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 11th at the Makwa Endaat. Ogema Romanelli will be holding his 'Meet-n-Greet' Friday evening (the 10th) beginning at 7 p.m. in the Makwa Endaat. (Entertainment Center) Saturday, booths open at 9 a.m.; the unofficial meeting and presentation of flags begins at 10 a.m. and the formal open is at 1 p.m. The resort has a new menu and it is no longer necessary to have the Spring Meeting as ac potluck...lunch will be provided!

March Currents online! The 28 page March **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrbai-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20March%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues.

Election Board / General Election notice!

- Any questions for the Election Board, call their number at 231.398.6709 and leave a message. The Election Board will return your call. Please do not call employees with election issues!
- General Election Candidates were given the opportunity to submit articles to the **Currents** for the March edition. Ogema candidates were up to 400 words and all others 200 words. The March issue of the paper link is posted above. Mailed copies of this all-color issue will go out via the Post Office to all Heads of Household by the end of the week.
- The Election Board reminds you to mail your ballot in early so that it is received in time by the board to be counted.

Treaty Recognition Day. March 28th is Treaty Recognition Day so the offices will observe the holiday on Friday the 27th. Government offices will be closed to honor the holiday.

Natural Resource Commission new members! Connie Eno and Dave Schultz were named to the commission during Tribal Council session on Wednesday, March 11th.

Want to learn CPR? Would you like to learn the life-saving techniques of CPR? Sgt Bates from Tribal Public Safety is an American Heart Instructor and he's setting up classes for anyone interested in earning their 2-year certification. If you are interested, please contact Public Safety reception at extension 2225.

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2015 LRBOI Primary Election Results

Office of the Ogema	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total
Dave Corey		22	Pam Medahko		40
Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)		28	Pat Ruiter	X	61
Jimmy Mitchell		31	Rita Annette Gale	X	83
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli	X	240	Ronald Wittenberg	X	84
Michael J. Ceplina		95	Sandra "Peanut " Lewis	X	72
Shannon Paul Crampton		83	Sandy Mezeske	X	77
Steve Parsons	X	111	Steven E. Kequom	X	56

Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council -At Large	Winner	Total
Al Metzger Oskaabaawis		49	Edward Tyler		74
Alvin Patricio		36	Joseph Riley II	X	194
Amy Gilles		15	Marcella M. Leusby		withdrawn
Brian Loney		52	Michael J. Charlow		33
Candace M. Chapman	X	67	Norbert Kelsey	X	103
Corey A. Wells		16	Peggy J. Vriesman		80
Delano D. Peters		35	Sally Bell	X	110
Jamie Friedel	X	68			
Jeff Battice		29	Chief Judge	Winner	Total
Jessica Lynn Burger	X	84	Austen J. Brauker	X	115
Jim Medacco		47	Daniel T. Bailey	X	233
John Pabami		29	Jonnie J. Sam II		105
Justin L. Kelsey		13	Joshua C. Stone		38
Loretta Beccaria- Lindeman		45	Sharron Cogswell Detz	X	106

Challenges to the Primary Vote had to be filed by Friday, February 20th! The final tally has been posted on the Tribal Face Book page, in the Rapid River News and on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com

ELECTION BOARD

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE- ELDER

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope

MIEA Spring Quarterly Conference

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will be holding their Spring Quarterly Conference April 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Little River Casino Resort in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center). The LRBOI Elders Committee is hosting the event.



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(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

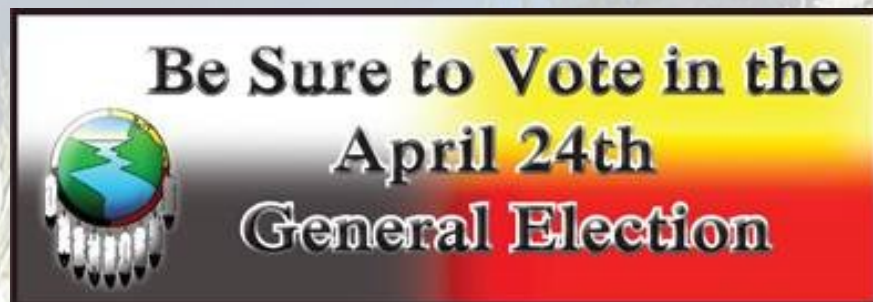
Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.



Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEKTREND		
Tribal Facebook from last week!	Total Page Likes	1,261	1,258	0.2%
	New Likes	5	3	66.7%
	Weekly Total Reach	2,086	1,768	18.0%
	People Engaged	307	256	19.9%



Ninaatigo Ziiwaagimide ~ Maple Syrup

Join us for an afternoon of teaching and learning



The sap is flowing..... We will be at the site of the new Ziisibaakwadake Gamig (Sugar Shack) on Shoedel Rd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday March 20th offering maple syrup making demonstrations. You will be able to learn and participate in tapping trees, sap collection, the process, hearing some teachings, cooking the sap- kind of the whole thing.

Pot-luck dinner at 6pm.

Bring your favorite dish to pass & feast bundle(plates/tablewear)

Don't forget to wear some warm appropriate clothing and good boots or shoes for stomping through snow and ice and mud are a necessity!

To get to the Ziisibaakwadake Gamig, take M22 north from the casino about 2 miles to Shoedel Rd. Turn left on Shoedel and as you drop down the hill, the drive is on the left. Parking along the road should not be a problem.

We hope to see lots of people there.

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**The Spring Membership Meeting is
April 11th in the
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center)
at The Little River Casino Resort.**

**The meeting is not going to be potluck.
The meal will be provided.**

**Watch for future
announcements
for more details.**

REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, WRITING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The *Young Native Writers Essay Contest* is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to write about their experiences as a member of a Native American community and the culture that inspires them.

The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submission.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor are the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

Follow this link for the details: <http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/>

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"I went to a holy man and asked him for help. He told me to get on the Red Road. Pray to Wakan-Tanka (Great Spirit) to help you walk the Red Road."

-- Dr. A.C. Ross (Ehanamani), LAKOTA

All Indian traditions, customs and ceremonies help us answer three questions: who am I?, why am I?, and where am I going? Only on the Red Road can we find the answer to these three questions. When we can answer these three questions, we are on the Red Road. When we cannot, we have gone astray. That is why the Holy Men tell us to pray to the Great Spirit and to seek the Red Road. Why am I? My purpose is to serve the Great Spirit. Who am I? I am an Indian who walks the Red Road. Where am I going? My vision is to serve my people.

Great Spirit, when I know You, only then do I know me. Help me today to know You.

Kateri Spring Pow wow

March 21 , 2015 –noon to 5

Grand Entry 1 pm

Give away 3;30

Feast 4 pm

DISH TO PASS FOR FEAST

Reeths Puffer Middle School

1911 W Giles Rd.

Muskegon , Michigan 49445

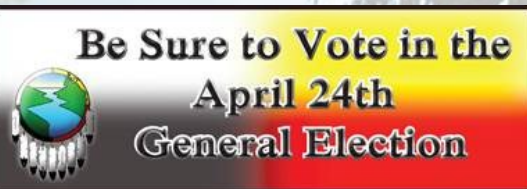
Native Dancing and native crafts

Free tables for vendors

FREE Admission

A day of Family – Food – Fun

Call Debra Gutowski -231-736-7544



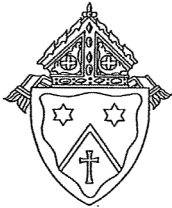
Happy Easter

Kateri Easter Gathering
 Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd
 Muskegon MI 49445 (next to Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015
 11am-4pm
 Please bring a dish to pass
 BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50

Any questions please
 contact Brenda 231.760.6366

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DIocese of Gaylord

611 WEST NORTH STREET
GAYLORD, MI 49735-8349
(989) 732-5147
FAX: (989) 705-3589

February 11, 2015
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear All Native American Catholics in the Gaylord Diocese,

As the new Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord, I cordially invite you to participate in Healing / Talking Circles that will begin to take place in your area in the month of March. We need to and want to hear your stories and then apologize for any hurts that we, the Church, have caused. We hope that healing and reconciliation can begin.

The Healing / Talking Circles would begin with prayer, followed by each person sharing their story. We would meet with twelve (12) to fifteen (15) persons at a time. We will return as many times as necessary so that each person who wants to participate could be heard. After each person has shared his or her story, the priest present will go to each person and offer an apology. Sister Susan Gardner would then end the session with a guided imagery and song.

I ask you to contact the people below who will then set up a time for the Circles. We will meet in the evening, during the day, and on the weekend to accommodate those who are working. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Susan at 231-271-6651.

Here are the contacts:

Burt Lake - Curtis Chambers 231-290-0193
Petoskey - Anthony Davis 231-268-1199
West Branch Area - Joan Denemy 989-701-5590
Manistee - Kathy Gibson 231-398-6617
Peshawbestown - Donna Swallows 231-534-7130

Looking forward to experiencing this moment of grace, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J Raica
Diocese of Gaylord

www.dioceseofgaylord.org

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March 2015 Docket (subject to deletions or additions)

Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation
CS Child Support
CT Civil Ticket
DM Divorce with children
DO Divorce w/o children
EA Enrollment Appeal
EB Election Board Appeal
EM Emancipation of Minor
FJ Foreign Judgment
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment
GA Gaming Appeal

GC General Civil
GM Guardianship of Minor
GR Employment Matter
JC Judicial Complaint
JV Juvenile
LT Landlord Tenant
NA Neglect Abuse
NC Name Change
PF Probate
PPO Personal Protection Order

Court Docket

Monday, March 16, 2015

Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m.	Hilden v. Hilden	09135DM Motion Hrg.
12:00 p.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14218DM Pretrial
02:15 p.m.	Probate/Guardianship	14207PF Motion Hrg.
03:00 a.m.	LRB v. Gunderson	14263TM 2 nd Pretrial

Monday, March 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Graves v. Jones	08273CM Motion Hrg.
01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Closed Hrg.

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Sprau v. LRCR	14232GC Pretrial
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Monday, March 30, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Hamilton v. LRCR	15016GR Formal Hrg.
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

April 8-11, 2015

**LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds
(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post gas station)**

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



**For information, please call 1-888-723-8288,
ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895**

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Department**

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the new Safer Choice Label to help people find cleaning and other products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment! *Look for the new Safer Choice label on products in stores beginning this spring and summer!*

Please help us by sharing the message about the new logo through social media, listserve and other ways:

View EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's Video: <http://youtu.be/Pc4DWgFlqMo>

Read her blog: <https://blog.epa.gov/epaconnect/2015/03/this-spring-look-for-the-safer-choice-label/>

See our new website: www.epa.gov/saferchoice

Share the video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10153168817922229>

Retweet us: <https://twitter.com/EPA/status/573185709307252736>

Retweet Administrator Gina McCarthy: <https://twitter.com/GinaEPA/status/573198771682734080>

The hashtag is #SaferChoice.



This follows more than a year of stakeholder and public engagement to help us with the design of a new label that better conveys the scientific rigor of EPA's product evaluation and the benefits to people and the environment. Thanks for all your help.

Finding products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment should be easy—that's why EPA created the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice label helps you identify products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. When you see a product with the Safer Choice label, it means that every ingredient in the product has been evaluated by EPA scientists against our stringent health and safety standards. Only the safest ingredients are allowed in products with the Safer Choice label.

The Safer Choice family of labels includes a consumer facing version, with a house, and an optional version for industrial & institutional products. We are also announcing a label that is available to partners as a means to substantiate fragrance-free claims on Safer Choice products. The fragrance-free label is for consumers and purchasers that prefer or require fragrance-free products.

Safer Choice staff will be working with partners, stakeholders, and, very importantly, our Agency colleagues to build awareness of the new label among consumers and purchasers, especially in the late spring/early summer of this year, when products bearing the new label will start to appear in stores.

Again, please help us get the word out on the new Safer Choice Label by sharing with your contacts. Thanks!

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings			
Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
Peacemaking Assistant	Tribal Court	3/13/15	3/27/15
Surveillance Operator	Surveillance	3/12/15	3/25/15
Case Manager Generalist	Family Services	3/9/15	3/20/15
Domestic Violence Program Coordinator	Family Services	3/9/15	3/20/15
Maintenance Technician	Maintenance	3/2/15	3/13/15
Fisheries/Aquatic Seasonal Internships	Natural Resources	2/3/15	3/20/15

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center**

Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 from 8am to 6pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources**

Representatives from each area will be available to answer your questions.



Manistee, MI | Corner of US 31 and  | 888.568.2244 | lrcr.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441
Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 from 10am to 3pm**

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources**

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Little River Casino Resort

CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Friday – April 24th **Trace Adkins** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$50, Queen \$65, King \$75

More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing Little River Casino Resort.



Kewok Circle Presents

*The History and Traditions
Of Anishnabekwe Jigoodenh*

(Native Women Dresses)

Come April 6th, 15th, 22nd and 29th to the Community Center a different dress will be discussed each week.

5:30-7:00pm

Learn about Women's Pow-wow Regalia and how the different types of dresses are made, also the traditions that go with the wearing of that style of dress. We will have models on hand to show you their dress and talk about why they chose that style of dress. We will have the teachings that go with the dress and about the colors we choose for our regalia and the meanings of those colors.

For more information call 231-510-2424 Deb Davis